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In Re Application of:)
Kazutaka INUKAI)
Serial No.: 10/633,964)
Filed: August 4, 2003)
Art Unit: 2629)
Examiner: Jean E. Lesperance)
Confirmation No: 5167)
For: DEVICE AND DRIVING METHOD)
THEREOF)

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, Applicant hereby calls the Examiner's attention to documents listed on the attached form, which documents may be material to the examination of this application. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of cited US patent and US patent application publications are not submitted herewith.

ENTRY AND CONSIDERATION OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(d), this IDS shall be considered by the Patent Office as it is being filed before payment of the issue fee and is 1) accompanied by the following statement under §1.97(e), and 2) the fee set forth in §1.17(p):

Each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

REFERENCES CITED HEREIN

The Japanese references disclosed herewith were cited in an Office Action by the Japanese Patent Office in counterpart Japanese application no. JP 10-633964 and mailed to Applicants on October 23, 2007. The EP and US patents listed on the 1449 form are merely the family members of the Japanese references, and are being included herewith for the Examiner's benefit.

The family of JP 2002-196306 cited herewith includes:

US Patent no. 7,184,014 B2 *

US Patent Application Publication No. US 2007/0109247 A1 *

The family of JP 2002-190390 cited herewith includes:

EP Patent no. EP 1 198 017 A2 *

US Patent no. 7,045,369 B2 *

US Patent Application Publication No. US 2006/0183254 A1 *

* (Not cited in the 10/23/2007 JP Office Action)

No inference should be drawn that the attached list sets forth a comprehensive investigation of the prior art, that any or all are pertinent to the invention, or that any apparatus disclosed is equivalent to the subject invention.

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Applicant also respectfully reserves the right to later set forth how the instant invention is distinguished over the disclosure of any document or other art, including the disclosure of those documents discussed herein, that may be cited by the Examiner in rejecting a claim in the instant patent application.

FEE

In accordance with \$1.17(p), Applicants are submitting the required fee. If any further fee is necessary for this IDS, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50/1039.

CONCLUSION

As the provisions of 37 CFR \$1.97(d) have been met, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner now enter and consider this IDS.

Respectfully submitted,



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